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Local kids are eager to take a break from school, and enjoy the spring-like weather of the Haliburton Highlands. /FILE

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Life lines

KEEPING UP EXPERIENCES! All lifetimes need them. And retelling our tales is even better magic since we never know how fate and folk might play or change us. Daily adventures are vital, and those which take us by surprise are usually the best. It's a shame to waste a good story.

Last Wednesday, we visited Long and McQuade.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Music nirvana. This was a highlight of our most recent city mission, and the final to-do on our checklist. The downtown snowdrifts were high as Himalayas, thawing under sunlight into many basements. We'd had enough of my rented leaky one, so we packed up to return north. One last-minute impulse was to reposition my parlour guitar and two undelivered watercolours which normally sit on broadloom. Only fate knew how much more melt would seep underneath our Crocs.

There was one more guitar to address. Full-sized, brand new, with professional accessories and a gorgeous padded case, it needed a (reluctant) return for refund at our favourite music store. Aging fingers no longer managed certain chords. Pain trumped gain. But such sweet dividends! Out of our exchange we bought sheet music for one of my daughters, plus an authentic Gibson t-shirt for the other. My thought was to honour her beloved Les Paul Sunburst electric for which she'd penny-pinched as a teen.

I've forever adored Long and McQuade. Unlike their mum, my daughters read and play music. I inevitably gravitate to the acoustic room, although, despite occasional rumour, I really don't play that well. Yet I remain bewitched by instruments, each destined to resound with heavenly connection.

I meandered solo while awaiting our refund. I was feeling vaguely unwell from some stubborn chest bug, and wanted to head back home to better meds and restful comforts. An elderly guitar-toting long-hair with ethereal demeanour, embroidered skullcap and gnarly walking stick drifted towards me and said hello. We compared notes about reading music versus attention spans, and he suddenly asked to see my hands. It was bold on his part, but I was a bit light-headed, and didn't mind another random adventure. After some furrowed mouth and brow, the old hippie left his inspection to stare me straight in the eye and shake his stringy head.

"I'm noticing something," he began, "but I don't think I'll tell you". And then he left the store.

I know absolutely nothing of palmistry, and once in the car, I googled maps of lines and creases. Comparatively, mine seemed perfectly typical. But I remained anxious. Just as others can read music, perhaps he could read secrets about my life! I'd mentioned my encounter to the shop manager, and, with soft hesitation, he'd offered that this folk-student regular was 'slightly eccentric.'

'Eccentric'… I guess that meant 'unconventional'. It's exactly how I like my people. Just slightly, though. Enough to show me lots of lifestyle and learning spectrums.

Like others, I watch, wonder and sometimes worry. My beliefs get regular workouts. But only I get to choose what to believe.

Ctrl-Art-Del's *Dracula* show brings camp to the county

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

After seeing clips of *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* on TikTok, Ctrl-Art-Del co-founder and current stage manager Ella Leis knew that the campy rendition of *Dracula* was perfect for the stage in Haliburton.

The play is a contemporary and queer-coded retelling of the story of *Dracula*. Premiering Off-Broadway in 2023, the play became viral through clips on the app TikTok.

The actors in *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* play out a comedic scene during their ongoing rehearsals in Minden. /THOMAS SMITH staff

In the story, Mina, Lucy Westfeldt's sister, falls ill. So Westfeldt and her fiancée, Jonathan Harker enlist the help of Dr. Jean, Van Helsing, the famous vampire hunter to search for the "dangerous and sexy" Count Dracula.

Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors combines the elements of gothic horror with the campness of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. With 20 roles in the play, characters are heavily encouraged to be gender swapped. In Ctrl-Art-Del's version of *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors,* the titular Dracula will be played by Christine Carr. The show prides itself with having a completely open and expandable cast. While the Off-Broadway version had five actors, the show can accommodate up to 20. Ctrl-Art-Del has seven actors as part of their cast, playing a variety of roles. The cast is composed entirely of local talent, including renowned actors that are graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Every role was up for grabs for anybody, says Leis. With swapped character's genders, Leis says that the play allows for an interesting case study in power dynamics and gender roles.

Alex Kocot will be directing the show, a first for the longtime actor.

The show was selected in October of last year, with rehearsals starting around Feb. 12. With the play set in the 1890s, Leis says that they have had to make many of the costumes by hand.

"I love that we get to play with gender," said Leis. "It's a hilarious script."

Leis says the script takes influence from sources like Mel Brooks and Monty Python, with a splash of *Rocky Horror*. For every millennial that has grown up with vampire-filled media like *Twilight*, *Blade* and *Van Helsing* we are all familiar with the tropes, rules, and myths involved with vampires. All kinds of vampire fans are going to drink this play up.

For fans of Bram Stoker's novel, Carr says that the play stays surprisingly true to its original source.

"I have always loved *Dracula*," said Carr. "Putting my own spin on it will be the best."

"It stays true to the original and mirrors the original while bringing it to a contemporary mindset," said Leis.

In addition to the human cast, Leis says that there are a variety of puppets being made for the show. From animals to humans, Leis says that there will be "a lot of puppets."

"Come for a really good night of theater that is lighthearted, funny, and a lot of fun," said Leis.

Tickets are available to be purchased through Ctrl-Art-Del's website at tickets.ctrlartdel.ca. The play will be running from April 24 to 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

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The sweetest time of the year

KATE BUTLER

County Life Contributor

It might seem a little early, but I have it on good authority that our local trees are starting to wake up from their winter slumber – at least the maple trees! Local maple syrup producers are starting to tease that the sweetest time of the year in the Highlands is just around the corner. It's astonishing to think that Canada produces 71 per cent of the maple syrup made across the globe. Of the syrup produced in Canada, 91 per cent is made in Quebec while the rest generally comes from Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. When you think about it, it almost seems a little bit like magic that the right trees exist in the right climates for maple syrup to be produced at all. After all, it's a very particular type of early spring that makes it possible, with a mix of milder days and cold nights that allow the sap to flow but keep the trees from budding too soon. Once the temperatures nudge even just a little higher, the sap tastes different and to be honest, the trees would probably like to hang on to the sap to help with their spring growth.

Maple syrup and maple sugar production across Haliburton County and other parts of Canada have an extensive history. While we don't know the exact time at which maple syrup was first made, we do know that its production is a longstanding tradition within many Indigenous communities and that many early settlers would have first learned about maple syrup from Indigenous communities. Maple products quickly became popular with the settlers, because they were locally produced sweeteners, which made them more affordable. According to the 1871 industrial census taken in Dysart et al, 2315 pounds of maple sugar had been produced locally that year. (9701 pounds of butter had also been made during that year, so they could have hosted quite the pancake breakfast!) In addition to figures such as these, I'm sure there were also many litres of maple syrup made for home consumption which no one would even have thought to mention in the census.

By its nature, maple syrup production is an exercise in patience, allowing the sap the time it needs to boil and concentrate down to one fortieth of its original volume. Due to this lengthy process, it invites sociability. Extended family and friends would gather by the sugar shack as the days began to hint at spring, enjoying the change of seasons and eager for a new year's supply of what had become a ubiquitous sweetener. For a time, maple syrup became so common that other sweeteners which we might not think as much of today (such as corn syrup) were seen as a treat, because they were more uncommon. Luckily, opinions have turned, and we've come to once again see maple syrup for the treasure that it is.

I hope that as maple syrup season takes hold of Haliburton County, you'll take time to get to know our local producers. In my experience, they're always excited to share their passion for what they do, and, in many cases, they also open their operations to visitors and tours during maple syrup season. It's a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses and local food producers, while also giving yourself a treat that celebrates the arrival of spring!

Birch

Birch tree sharing Air with a pair of
pines, stripped bare to its spine,
scraps of skin, dangling from its trunk,
its branches, reaching, between the pines,
the leaves and pine needles once intertwined, the winter birch, white as bone,
poking from Snow on the side of the road,
surrounded by the plushness of pines,
clusters of pinecones hanging from their branches,
as I crane my neck up to admire them,
wondering how many of them will become trees,
marveling at how the pines birth their future selves into being, my mittenless fingers grazing their lower branches,
where icicles dangle from twigs, some,
tiny as tears, one of them, breaking off in my hand, the tip, sharp as a shard of glass,
as I drop it to the ground, leaving a dent in the Snow,
wondering whether it would still be here tomorrow, clinging to a twig, if I had left it alone,
how fragile, the icicles appear, adorning the branches, along with the pinecones,
before they drip into a puddle of Sun or heap of Snow, their frozen beauty,
here, hiding in the pines, for the blink of an eye,
winter offering these morsels to savour, as I linger by the side of the road,
peering up at the pines, and the birch that stands between them, like a pillar of light,
struck by its starkness and all those scraps of skin, dangling from its trunk,
wondering how many layers would have to be unraveled to reach the bone of the tree, and whether the birch feels the cold
more in the places along its spine,
where there is less skin to shield it from Wind and storm.
I stomp through the Snow between the pair of pines, towards the birch, peeling off a scrap that's clinging by a shred,
placing the curl of skin in my palm, too many layers to count, still so many left on the trunk,
wondering, for a moment, how many layers you'd have to peel off a person to expose their core,
over how many years, or maybe a lifetime, and still, the deepest, most secret piece of them
would remain sealed in an invisible membrane to protect the most fragile part of them, that only their Soul knows,
how I wish I could paste the scrap of birch skin back onto its trunk, retrieve the icicle from the Snow,
hang it back on its twig, some things are meant to be left alone, Snow, muffling the earth so it can rest,
my Breath, sharing Air with the pines and birch and all the other trees that surround them,
as I lurch my way back through the Snow onto the road, placing the birch scrap into the cave of my coat pocket,
wondering whether the birch will feel the missing piece when Wind blows through its bare branches, battering its trunk,
whether the pair of pines miss the fluttering of the birches' leaves, brushing against their needles,
the birch, a pillar of light, gleaming between the pines, their lives, intertwined, here, on the side of the road,
enduring cold and storm and Night,
together, as I slouch along the road, a smudge in the Snow,
sharing Air with the snowflakes beginning to fall, curling into layers of coat and sweater and fleece,
and the ones you can't see, sealed deeper than the roots of winter trees.

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Water levels creep up towards the park at the Minden Whitewater Preserve during a past flood season. /FILE

Flood concerns on the rise in Minden

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

"Mother Nature is in charge," said Minden Mayor Bob Carter, in reference to Minden holding their breath as flood season approaches.

The township has had major floods occur in the recent years of 2013, 2017, and 2019, with a smattering of flood watches and warnings filling the years between.

Positioned along the Gull River, the spring run-off presents the risk of high water levels every time winter melts away, but this year, with accumulating snow levels, locals are feeling on-edge. The current snow depth across the county ranges between 50 to 80 centimeters, and Carter noted that if there are a series of warm days back-to-back, that could be dangerous.

"In March we really get started on planning," said Carter, noting that township staff from multiple municipalities sit down with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Parks Canada.

"Currently, there are devices used to measure the depths of the water, and devices through the forest to measure snow levels, and the water content of that snow," said the mayor.

Mike Fenn of the MNRF shared that flooding risks depend on the rate of snowmelt and weather patterns. "Parks Canada conducts most snow measurements," said Fenn. "(and they're used) to inform their dam operations strategy. The ministry continuously conducts flood risk assessments, monitors weather and water levels, and provides updates through the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program."

At their AGM in February, the Minden Community Food Centre added "flood preparation" to their agenda. "It's something we have to be ready for," said president of the centre, Gary Stoner. In the past, the food centre supplied warm soup and fresh sandwiches to volunteers assisting in flood relief. They also partnered with the Red Cross during past floods to offer food to those who were displaced from their homes or businesses due to flood damages.

"Hopefully, we will get a nice, gradual melt," said Carter, noting that a silver lining to the quick and heavy winter was that the ground did not entirely freeze, offering some wiggle room for water storage in the land. "Right now, other than having a lot of snow, there is no indication whatsoever that it could turn into a flood."

While Carter noted that many people in Minden have been through a flooding experience before, he suggests looking up some information online about how to be effectively ready for a potential disaster. "We need to be prepared for any type of emergency," he said. The township has an emergency management plan in place, and is ready to launch the plan should the need arise. "We know what to do, and how to do it," Carter said. "All we can do is project and prepare as much as we can."

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Showing off their ski-lls

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When the other shoe drops

EMILY STONEHOUSE
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IT'S A WAITING game, this spring season in the Haliburton Highlands. This has been a particularly successful winter, by some accounts. Snowmobiles were able to hit the trails, skis and snowshoes were back in demand, and the local school-aged kids had just the right amount of inclement weather days to keep them happy.

And as we ease our way into March, we start to notice the days feeling a little longer, the nights a little shorter. There's a smell to the air; the tang of campfire smoke and the watery sweetness of sap, melting its way out of the frozen bark.

With the softness of spring on our shoulders, many Canadians would often feel relief; reprieve from the grasp of Old Man Winter and a promise of warmth ahead.

But in the Haliburton Highlands, when spring hits, the other shoe drops.

Flood season. As a resident of Minden, I would often hold my breath this time of year. When I first moved back to the community, it was to a tiny yellow house, right on Invergordon Avenue in the heart of downtown Minden. In the summer I would take my coffee across the street, and dip my toes into the forever weaving and winding Gull; the energy of the river fueling my senses, restoring my balance.

The Gull River is the spine of Minden; holding the town up-right, bringing in tourism and tales and lots and lots of talk. It's the centre of many conversations, all throughout the year; its own character in the weaving and winding history of the community.

And while it's loved by many, it also carries fear. That other shoe to drop.

When I moved to Minden, I had a job working with the township. And the river changed from being my morning coffee companion, to my full-time career. I watched it each and every day; the ebbs and flows of the mighty river dictating the interests and needs of visitors and locals alike.

And then one day - a particularly rosy day with the promise of spring on the horizon - the river began to rise.

And it didn't stop.

With each passing day, I watched as my friend, the river, inched closer and closer to the banks. I could see the ground trying to absorb what it could; becoming more and more saturated with the icy waters of the Gull, until finally it couldn't take it anymore, the waters slipping over the lip of the banks; spreading into the community like a monster hungry for more.

We assembled our team, with the township. Each one of us, put in charge of a different responsibility. "We've done this before," they said. "We know what we're doing."

But with the Gull, there's only so much we can know. The beauty of nature is also our greatest fear; a complete unknown, to a certain extent. We can map and measure and plan and plot, but at the end of the day, all we can do is wait for the other shoe to drop. And Mother Nature has an affinity for footwear.

We worked tirelessly, for more days than I can recall. As another washout would occur, I would get an alarm on my phone; a need for a press release to get out. Not later. Not in the morning. Right now. Communications are key in emergency situations.

I would crack open my laptop, as I sent out the necessary messages while the world outside still slept. The sounds of my keyboard clicking and clacking with the rhythm of the lapping river outside, the pelt of the raindrops on the tin roof, fuelling the fires that burned.

We see the true beauty of community, when the other shoe drops. And as we sit with our breath baited, we wait for what could come.

We've done this before. We know what we're doing.

In a few weeks, we could be easing into a soft spring, the threat of floods in our rearview mirror, a deep sigh of relief felt amongst an entire community.

Or we could be wading through water, when that other shoe drops.

Only time will tell.

Top 10 reasons to hope for April showers

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

THOUGH IT IS hard to believe right now, this long winter is not going to last forever. Soon, March's snowfalls will give way to April's showers. And this is good in many ways. Here are the top 10 reasons why.

1. No more sweaty joggers.
2. I've had enough of March baths.
3. Much easier to shovel water.
4. It leads to May flowers, which leads to an inexpensive way to apologize.
5. Free car washes.
6. Your umbrella stock portfolio is finally going to pay off.
7. Yet another reason to wear those snazzy new rubber boots!
8. The most wonderful time of year for puddle enthusiasts.
9. Filling up the bird bath has never been easier.
10. Finally, a chance to reunite with our earth worm friends

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Heart dangling from a tree on the trail, tied to a branch by a string,
hung by a stranger over a year ago, and still the Heart is here,
sometimes, swaying in the Wind, sometimes, still as this morning's Air, sharing the tree with crows or chickadees,
or a squirrel that streaks up its trunk, this Heart, carved out of wood, that used to be a piece of tree,
small enough to cradle in the nest of my palm, as I stand here, quiet and still in the Snow,
always pausing at this spot on the trail, to see if the Heart is still here, exposed to the elements all year long,
weathered by Wind and storm and Rain, parts of the Heart remain the same as when it first appeared on the tree,
the wood, smooth and unblemished, only its edges, are blackened and mouldy, the string from which it hangs,
as sturdy as the day I noticed it on the tree, my own Heart, sealed beneath flesh, in the cage of my chest,
fluttering that day, when I spotted the wooden Heart on the trail, what a gift someone offered to the tree,
stripped of leaves, its branches, brittle and bare, I stared and stared at the Heart that day, dangling there,
not a wisp of Wind, its stillness slowing my heartbeat, reminding me of how hard my own Heart could be sometimes,
softening in some seasons, growing rigid in others,
my battered and tattered Heart, shaped like a fist,
not perfectly symmetrical like this carved Heart that dangles from the tree, that nobody has stolen for their own,
leaving it be, to adorn the bare tree, the Heart blending in with the unfurling leaves in spring, flourishing in summer,
barely noticing that it's there, hiding in all that green,
but come fall, when the leaves begin to loosen from their branches,
the wooden Heart becomes exposed again, remaining on its branch,
as leaves float all around it, their season of flourishing, over,
this winter Heart, still clinging to its string, enlivening the tree, that waits for spring,
my own Heart, withering over the winter, waiting for Rain to rinse the Air and nourish the earth, to inhale warmth again,
I wonder how much longer the Heart will dangle from its branch, silently thanking the stranger who placed it here,
as I clomp through the Snow towards the tree, to touch the mouldy parts of the Heart and pull at its string,
tied in a tight knot around the branch, the seasons about to change, and the turmoil that this will bring,
winter always dueling with spring, refusing to let go,
the wooden Heart still dangling from its string,
offering itself to Wind and Snow and sunlight and Rain, like the tree from which it hangs,
the stranger that carved and hung the Heart, exposing their own, by offering its beauty to the tree.

Sylvie Kalenda

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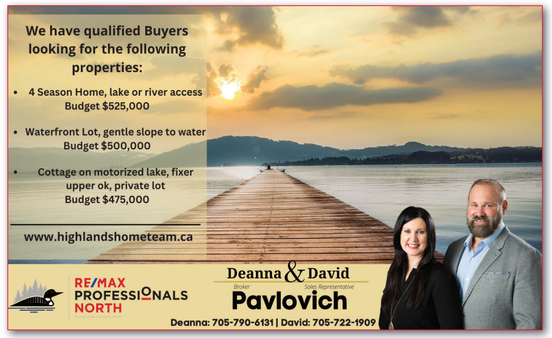
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‘Every tea party needs a fancy hat’

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

Bark Lake Cultural Developments is putting together a Victorian Hat Workshop event led under the guidance of costume extraordinaire, Melissa Stephens. Stephens, a founding member of the Highlands Summer Festival, will be debuting the first Victorian Hat Workshop at the Irondale Church on April 12.

While finishing her practicum as a teacher, Stephens first became immersed in the word of costumes during a production of *My Fair Lady*. With a knowledge of sewing from a young age, she learned the tricks of the trade with creating costumes, hemming period pieces, and designing costumes.

This year, Stephens will be celebrating the Highlands Summer Festival’s 25th anniversary. As costume designer, Stephens manages the festival’s 40-foot container filled with their inventory of costume pieces. With a waste not, want not mindset, the Festival takes ample care of their period pieces to reuse again and again. Working with directors, Stephens locates costumes for productions either in their storage, at a thrift store, or makes the pieces by hand.

This year, their lineup of shows includes *Urinetown the Musical, The Fitzgeralds, Salt-Water Moon, Drinking Habits,* and *Feeling Buble*. Tickets for these shows can be purchased on their website highlandssummerfestival.on.ca. The Highlands Summer Festival also focuses on casting local talent whenever possible.

As a costumer, Stephens says that her favourite period of costumes is the period from the 1840s to 1900. With a variety of layers, including a bustle, bloomers and petticoat for women, and a wool suit and heavy coat for men, the Victorian era offers costuming challenges and layers of depth to ensure historical accuracy.

“Every tea party needs a fancy hat,” said Stephens.

Tea parties are a frequent event at the Irondale Church, organized by Bark Lake Cultural Developments. These tea parties offer the perfect event for Irondale residents to get out of their house, socialize, and enjoy delicious treats with a hot cup of tea.

Participants are instructed to bring materials such as lace, ribbons, pearls, sparkly beads, silk flowers, tulle, bias tape, and any other materials people are wanting to adorn to a hat. Long pins and sewing clips are needed to secure your work while you are decorating. All hats are welcomed, but straw, sun bonnet, and pill hats are some of the best choices for this workshop.

“I am excited to see their creativity,” said Stephens.

Stephens plans to instruct the class on simple techniques and safety precautions, but will be giving the class free reign to be as creative as desired.

“I’ll help them when they need to be helped,” said Stephens.

For those interested, it is recommended that you do not forget a glue gun, hats, and sewing supplies. There will be a limited amount of supplies available.

All participants are welcomed for this event.

“Don’t be afraid,” said Stephens. “We are not going to be judgemental. I don’t think you can go wrong.”

The Victorian Hat Workshop will be located at the Irondale Church on April 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person. There is a limited number of seats available for this workshop. Participants are asked to reserve your space ahead by calling Carol Simmons at 705-457-8438.

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email emily@ haliburtonpress.com.
Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

Red Squirrel by Jill Moulton

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Juna opens it's doors

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

It's finally here. Fine foodies unite to welcome Haliburton's newest eatery: Juna restaurant, officially opened on March 7.

The Italian restaurant, located at 210 Highland Street in the heart of Haliburton, was originally slated for a December opening. But a series of challenges arose for owners Terri Mathews-Carl and Christoph Carl when it came to moving ahead. "We had a lot of difficulty and hardships when it came to attaining permits from the township," Terri said.

The couple are no strangers to the restaurant scene, as the owners of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnvarvon. They were diligent when it came to making sure all details were in place for the opening of Juna, but misunderstandings with the municipality took to the forefront.

With the stamp of approval for opening finally in place, Terri is optimistic about the presence of the new restaurant in town. "We wanted an upscale vibe that's also comfortable," she noted, nodding to the warm glow emanating from the amber candle holders on each table. "But we wanted to still make it cozy, still make it approachable."

With rich blue hues and vivid art by local photographer Dana McMullen adorning the walls, Juna feels like an entirely new space.

Some would recall that the building housed Cindy's clothing store for years on the main street, and prior to that, it was home to the Butcher Block, which can be seen in many old photos of Highland Street over the years.

Terri noted that the building itself is "ancient," she laughed, sharing that they could not find records dating back to when it was originally built.

But she and her team were able to retrofit the space to accommodate the new restaurant, with 26 spacious and comfortable seats. "We made sure to use every space we had effectively," she noted as we toured the building, with the neat and clean kitchen meticulously arranged and ready for business.

ACM Designs took the lead on the decor of the restaurant, with Terri adding her own style to the space. Each and every detail is put into place; right down to the engraved pepper grinders on each table.

It's a well thought-out vision, with Nico Haedicke as the head contractor, who will also double as the front of house manager upon opening.

After a busy opening weekend and a sought-after menu, Terri strongly suggests people make reservations in advance, due to the small and intimate nature of the space. The restaurant will be open Thursdays to Monday through the week. For more information, visit junahaliburton.com.

The interior of the restaurant was created by ACM Designs, with art by Dana McMullen. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

The front entry of Haliburton's newest restaurant: Juna. / photo by Danielle Meredith

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Metabolic Flexibility: The Key to Healthy Aging
When: Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.
Where: Schofield Room, Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St., Haliburton
A discussion with Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, who will discuss what good metabolic health is and how to make some simple lifestyle changes that can improve our metabolic health, leading to a better quality of life. This is part of a continuing series on "Making our Communities Better Places", and will be opened with music by Brian Sachs and Peter Smith. Open to all, free, light refreshments provided. Hosted by the Baha'i community of Haliburton.

Lenten Lunches
When: Wednesdays at noon
Where: March 19 – Highland Hills United Church
March 26 – St. Paul's Anglican Church
April 2 – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
April 9 – Minden Bible Church
Service at noon followed by Soup Lunch. By Donation.

Aging Together as Community and the County of Haliburton invite you to our next exciting event, "Support and independence: Finding the balance."
When: Friday, March 21
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton or by Zoom
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Growing older brings changes, but you can stay healthy and live comfortably in your home for many years. Please join us to learn more.
Register by March 18 by calling/texting Connie Wood 705-457-7215, or by email constancewood@gmail.com

HHOA Wild Game Dinner
When: Saturday, March 29, Bar opens at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Tickets: $50.00 person
Silent Auction. 50/50 draw. Tickets on sale now. For credit card purchases call Laurie at HHOA on Tuesday and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 705 457-9664 or Linda at 705 457-2064. Or drop in to see Laurie at HHOA on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The wild game served at this event has not been inspected under the R.S.O. meat inspection act. Domestic meat available. Website: hhoa.on.ca

Youth Unlimited Gym Night
When: Apr 4 - Sports and 9 Square 6:30 to 9p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
For Grades 6-12. For more info contact haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

The Loop Troupe Little Theatre presents Riches and Ransom Dinner Theatre
When: Saturday, April 5th. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce
Who Kidnapped Miss Purscilla Bing? Immerse yourself in the drama, deception and dilemmas while you dine with the residents of Old Oaks Retirement Home as they celebrate the home's 50th anniversary. Tickets $35 per person. Includes a Roast Beef Dinner served by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #624. Tickets only available in advance until March 29th at Agnews General Store in Wilberforce. For more info contact marybarker@bell.net 705-448-2290 or 613-334-1953.

Recurring events

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room
All welcome

Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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Free Balanced Fitness and Active Social Senior Classes
When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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Pretty Paws opens Bancroft location

BILL KILPATRICK
Special to *County Life*

The cutting of the ribbon. From left, Andrew Redden, Bob Mullins, Chris O'Mara, Emily Thackeray, Carolyn Barker Brown, and Mary Lynn Rutledge celebrate the opening of Pretty Paws dog and cat grooming at 68 Cleak Street. / BILL KILPATRICK, staff

Emily Thackeray, the manager for Haliburton Pretty Paws pet grooming, loves surprises. So, when the owner of the business, Chris O'Mara, asked to talk to her back in January, she was not sure what it was about. "Chris said, 'Hey we need to talk. We just bought this,'" said Thackeray. She then explained how O'Mara presented her with the title for the property at 68 Cleak Street, the old Gary and Di's hair salon, which, unbeknownst to her, was about to become the Bancroft location for Pretty Paws pet grooming. "Opportunity knocked and here we are…surprise," she stated. The property was purchased at the end of January and since that time O'Mara, Thackeray, and their team has been working frantically to renovate the space so they could be open for business on Feb. 24.

Thackeray, who has more than 20 years experience in the veterinary world, was very pleased with the new location. "We couldn't have asked for a better building to open a grooming salon," she stated pointing out that all the plumbing that was required was essentially already in place, which meant much less renovation work.

Their grand opening, that was held on Feb. 21, was attended by the Warden of Hastings County Bob Mullins, Andrew Redden the economic and tourism development manager for Hastings County, and Mary Lynn Rutledge and Carolyn Barker Brown from the community futures development corporation. At the ribbon cutting Brown said that "On behalf of community futures, thank you for inviting us today. We're very excited for Chris and his team. [It's] also nice to be a part of your growth and we wish you nothing but success in our community."

O'Mara's initial employment goal was to utilize his Doctorate of Education in social justice by teaching at the university level, but he found that he could make more money grooming pets, so, he quit his job and went all-in on pet grooming. "I opened Pretty Paws in Haliburton in 2013 after having groomed my way through university through my master's degree in Thunder Bay," he said. "That's how I paid for university was giving dogs hair cuts. I moved home because Haliburton was where my family was. Over the last 12 years we have just slowly built the business and grown the business. We had an opportunity with this building that we came across and community futures worked with us for the financing, which as a small business would have otherwise been impossible. We're really thankful for community futures and the way that they are able to look at small business books and work with us."

Thackeray and O'Mara have been overwhelmed with the positive reception that they have received in the community so far. "We're excited about Bancroft. We've had a really good reception so far. The first three weeks are fairly booked up and we've had a lot of really good feedback from the community," said O'Mara. Thackeray could not say enough about the positive reception that they have received within the community. "Everybody that I've talked to has been fabulous, very supportive, and extremely welcoming," she stated. Both of them spoke about how people are constantly stopping by to book appointments even though they were not officially open yet.

When asked about what will be offered at Pretty Paws, Thackeray said that they offer many services for both cats and dogs such as full grooms, full shaves, a brush and blow for dogs who shed a lot, they also deal with matted fur and nail trims between grooms when required.

"We really pride ourselves on listening to our clients about what they want," she stated, adding "We have a lot of challenging animals that are afraid of certain things. Some don't like their feet being touched or really loud dryers. We have tools and equipment that help with those fears."

Like O'mara, Thackeray is also excited about finally opening the business given the demand that was building before they purchased the property. "Before Chris had looked at this location I was getting calls from Bancroft… we have some people that like to travel to Haliburton to do whatever, but it just seemed like there was more….I'm really excited to see what Bancroft has to offer."

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs) Ladies Darts 7:30 p.m. (downstairs)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a weekly supper special. Canteen opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
Please follow our Facebook page - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. Do you need a space to host an event: book our hall today, call 705-488-3462 and leave a message or call Teresa at 705-928-7105.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

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Mondays - March 17, 24, 31 – Darts, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - March 19, 26, Darts, $4/player, 2 p.m.
Thursdays -March 13, 20, 27, Cornhole, $5/player, 7 p.m.
March 13, 27 - HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
Fridays - March 7, 21, Fish & Chips, 5 to 8 p.m. $15 for 1 piece, $20 for 2 pieces
March 14, 28 - Wings and Jam Session, $15/lb, 5 to 8 p.m.
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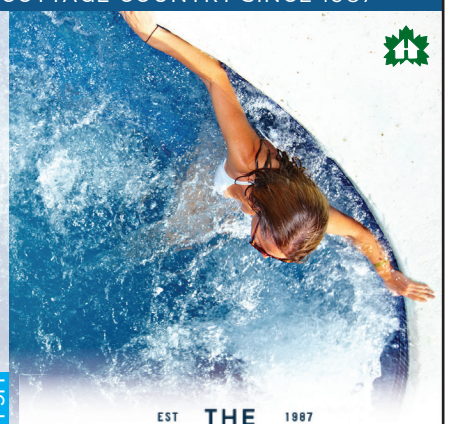

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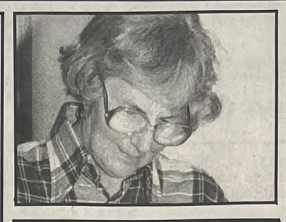
When Andrea and Beth Burton's house went up in flames last month, so did their music collection, but a Peterborough disc jockey organized a drive to start their collection again. More on page 3

After suffering an 8-2 defeat on Saturday night, the Midgets turned the tables on Sunday when they beat Hagersville 8-3. One more win takes them to the finals. For details, see page 6.



Seniors who enjoy a good cup of tea with their art exhibits are invited to attend a Seniors Tea held each month at the Rails' End Gallery. For more on how the gallery extends its reach, see page 7

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Townships debate amalgamation

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff reporter

In a move that is bound to spark a lot of debate, Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe has asked his fellow county council members to consider amalgamating some townships into larger municipalities.

For the May meeting, Howe wants members to come prepared to "discuss the current status of Haliburton," and in particular, "10 municipalities vs. the amalgamation of some existing municipalities with the end result being a maximum of five municipalities." However, he also stressed that this is "not to be construed as a regional government but to strengthen the current county system."

Councillors have to "set personal pride aside; we have to put the good of the county ahead first," Howe said as he introduced his proposal at *Wednesday's county council* meeting. He has read the provincial report on municipal government and agrees that under the present system there is too much overlap and waste.

"The more a system is streamlined, the better it is," he told his somewhat surprised audience. "The way the system is working is something we've got to look at in all seriousness."

Although replies weren't expected at this time, Murray Fearrey stood up to address his "fellow mayors" and to jest that perhaps a study ought to be conducted to investigate the issue, referring to the number of studies already being undertaken throughout the county, sometimes with little benefit.

Sunday shopping

There was a lot more discussion when it came time to endorse a resolution from the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, AMO, which criticizes the provincial government for passing the issue of Sunday openings onto the shoulders of individual municipalities.

"Family life has been fragmented enough already," Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis said as he suggested

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These members of the Haliburton Stage Band are very excited about the prospect of competing in a national championship in Calgary this May. The only problem is they need to raise $19,000 in order to fly everyone there and donations are quickly being requested. The jazz musicians are, from left: Front row: Chris Youngdale, Dianne Woods, Cliff Smith, Andy Cooper, Richard Beers, Tammy Pritchard, Greg Hamilton and Nick Holliday-Rhodes. Middle Row: Nicole McNab, Corry Ziorjen, Kendall Mintz, Brad Archer, Alison Bain, Dianne Garbutt, and Graham Robinson. Back row: Teacher Rick Vaughan, Michael Wray, Justin Gentle, Terry Noble, Ian Hicks, and Chris Bunker.

Band invited to nationals

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff reporter

The HHSS Stage Band has rhythm. It has music. It even has both girls and boys playing their various instruments. But when it comes to "Who can ask for anything more," the band breaks away from the rest of this popular Gershwin song: These musical contenders for a Canadian championship want to ask their community for a big favour—financial support to the tune of $19,000.

Last month, 18 members of the 23-piece jazz band competed in a highschool festival in Bracebridge. On the Monday of the March Break, music teacher Rick Vaughan learned that the band had won a "gold standard" at the festival, earning it the right to compete in MusicFest '88, a Canada-wide competition to be held in Calgary, Alberta from May 18 to 22.

When the phoning network and word-of-mouth spread the news to the band members, they were ecstatic, as this is the first time a Haliburton band has been asked to compete in the nationals. That initial enthusiasm has been a bit daunted by the prospect of raising the funds to get the band to Calgary and back, but in an interview with Richard Beers, president of the band, and Corry Ziorjen, past president, their youthful optimism makes them confident they can succeed.

The money is needed to help pay for the airfare, accommodation and expenses of the four-day competition which will also include seminars, workshops, and evening performances by professional bands. It's the chance of a lifetime, especially for the older band members who comprise the majority of the band. Ten players are in Grade 13, four in Grade 10 and four from Grades 10 and 11. (There are 23 members in the band but a maximum of 18 can compete. However, Vaughan would like to give all the members a chance to benefit from the activities and excitement of the competition.)

Music Fest Canada works in conjunction with Toronto travel company which will be arranging group discounts and packages. Band members will be asked to contribute part of the costs, but Vaughan feels that because the trip is compulsory, students with less money should not be put under great pressure to raise a large amount of it themselves.

Considering that annual fundraising, such as the fruit sale and various "a-thons" raise only $3,000, the band has a lot of hustling to do between now and May 18. A letter has been written to various businesses and service organizations asking them to be as generous as possible and other events are in the works to encourage public support. (Band member Chris Bunker's father has already donated

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County budget '88:

Increase amounts to 1.3 per cent

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff reporter

County finance commitee chairman Murray Fearrey didn't have to be nervous as he stood up to present the county budget for 1988. When all is said and done, the increase from last year's budget only amounts to 1.27 per cent. That's a lot easier to swallow than the 30 per cent increase which was announced in 1987.

"There are no surprises," Fearrey told his audience last Wednesday. For the first time, the budget had been available for perusal at 10:30 that morning, giving council members an opportunity to look over the facts and figures before they were called upon to support it.

"We have tried to exercise restraints" and hold most increases to the 4.6 per cent inflation rate, Fearrey said.

Working within those confines, the management committee balanced requests for more funds with limiting support where it felt it was merited and came up with the final figure of $1,817,560, compared to $1,654,269 in 1987. The only major expenditure is the final payment of $133,200 for the Hospital Expansion fund and there is no debt being carried on from last year, which saw a surplus of $66,735.

"I don't think it's bad news for taxpayers," said Fearrey, who was later congratulated, on behalf of the management committee, for drafting such a good budget.

The following are some of the highlights of the 1988 county budget. All comparison are with the 1987 budget, although in many cases, actual spending either fell short of or surpassed these amounts:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Rising concern about the environment has resulted in a $4,500 increase in committee meeting fees so more special meetings can be attended; the clerk-treasurer has a $5,000 pay increase, bringing his salary up to $35,500, with an extra $1,100 being spent for benefits; because of a purchase of 2,500 county pins, the advertising budget rose from $675 in 1987 to $5,250 in 1988; improvements to county buildings, primarily the registry building, resulted in a $19,500 increase in the building maintenance and repair budget; legal fees are expected to increase by $1,400 as county finalizes its purchase of the railway bed; and because it was felt the working fund provision was not being increased fast enough, the committee added $10,000, bringing it up to $15,000. Total 1988 budget, $235,260; total 1987 budget, $193,043.

Costs are kept within the rate of inflation

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY: The higher wolf bounty has resulted in an expected increase of $1,250 while the funds to the mutual fire aid remain the same. Total 1988 budget, budget, $4,250, total 1987 budget, $3,000.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: Because $200,000 must be spent on the Kennisis Lake Road, this budget has increased to $732,000 from $685,000 in 1987.

HEALTH SERVICES: The management committee had no control over a $4,000 increase in costs for the district health unit. Total 1988 budget, $213,200; total 1987 budget, $209,200.

SOCIAL AND FAMILY SERVICES: There is a $10,000 increase in budget for Hyland Crest, bringing it up to $225,000 and in social services, there is an increase of $14,000 which can be explained by the fact the county-wide services was not implemented for all of 1987. A $9,500 increase in funds to the Children's Aid Society is to cover costs of a larger staff. Total 1988 budget, $461,000; total, 1987 budget, $427,500.

RECREATION AND CULTUR-

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Haliburton optimistic new apartments can be built

by LEN PIZZEY
Editor

Haliburton has a very good chance of getting another government backed, 50 unit senior citizens apartment complex if enough affordable land can be found near the downtown core.

That is the view of the local committee which brought about the Parklane apartment complex that opened last year near Head Lake Park.

Committee members Wayne Wood, Jan Shipley, Cliff Dawson, Earl Shipley and Bruce McKay discussed the project with Dysart et al council on Monday afternoon, in the hope that council could help find the necessary land.

Former Dysart clerk Wayne Wood, acting as spokesman for the committee, said they are optimistic that the community can get another complex, perhaps even later this year, if an application can be submitted by the April 29 deadline.

"The chances of approval seem like they're very good" Wood said. The need is proven, "but where we're hung up is land."

A 50 unit building similar to the Parklane apartments would be 260 feet long and 60 feet wide, and would require space for 50 cars.

To further complicate the land problem, the application has to identify two appropriate sites, and the committee must place offers to purchase on them before the project could be approved.

Wayne Wood said one thought the committee has had is the railway lands between the Drag River and the eastern end of York Street. He acknowledged, however, that this location "could be awkward, both physically and politically."

Earlier in the day, reeve Murray Fearrey had told council that the railway lands were being discussed by some people as a possible site for the new apartments. But council agreed there were a number of significant problems with this location, some of them insurmountable. Council does not at present own the property, but leases it from Canadian National Railways. Some of it is used for parking, and it is probable that more of the land will be gravelled later this spring to help releive the acute main street parking problem. In addition, the site may be too small for an apartment complex of the size contemplated by the committee, particularly if the required 66 foot building setback from the Drag River is observed. And finally, the fact that the suggested lands abut the Texaco fuel storage complex could make the site unsuitable for a major structure, given the risk of fire.

Jan Shipley indicated the location of the new building is of primary

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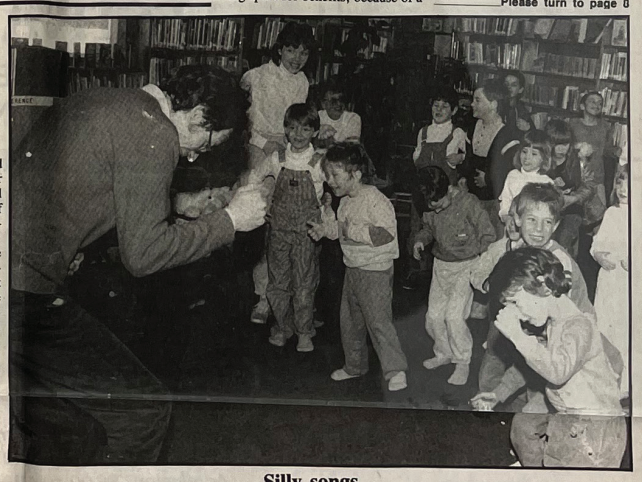

Silly songs

Minden children who did not join the southern exodus during the March Break headed to the Minden Library instead where Alex Sinclair entertained them with his songs. Some of them were quite silly, but that made them all the more enjoyable to this young audience. The County Library and the Ministry of Citizenship and Communications sponsored the concert and others like it held in various branches throughout the county.

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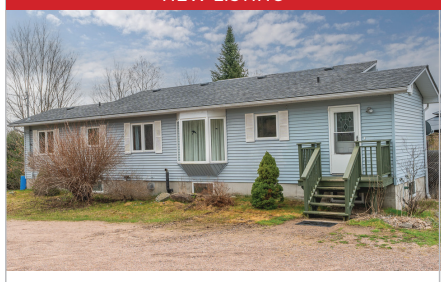

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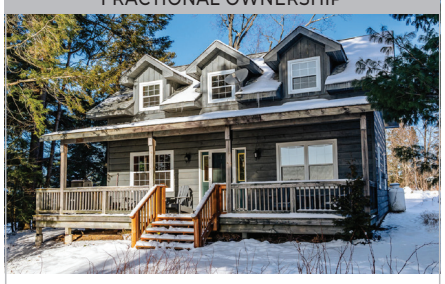

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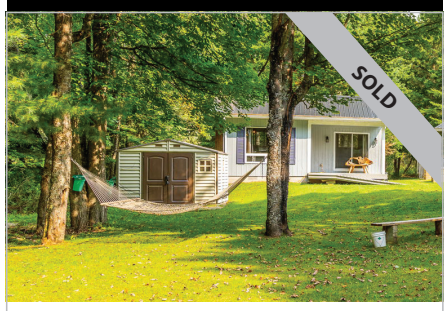

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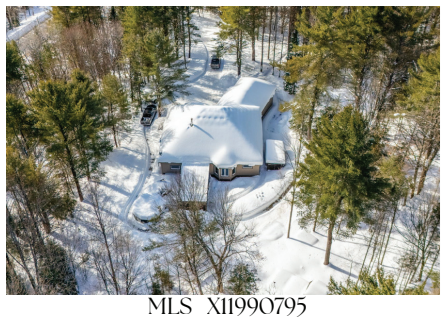

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